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Centre-State Financial Relationship

2338. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Union Government is considering an examination of the existing Centre-State financial relationship to enable the States to meet their constitutional obligation under "State List"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission are presently under examination by a Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council.

Relief to Kashmiri Migrants in NOIDA

2339. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmiri migrants residing in NOIDA are being paid relief amount of only Rs. 750 per month while those residing at Delhi and Jammu are being paid Rs. 1,500 per month;

(b) if so, the reasons for the discrimination made towards the migrants residing in NOIDA, which is a satellite town of Delhi and where the cost of living is almost the same as at Delhi;

(c) whether the discrimination will be removed and migrants residing at NOIDA will be paid a relief of Rs. 1,500 to bring it on par with that being paid at Delhi;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government will ensure that the relief amounts sanctioned to the migrants will be distributed to them regularly and long delays on the disbursal are eliminated to help the migrants who are undergoing untold suffering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Different States/Union Territories have different scales of relief sanctioned, keeping in view their financial resources and the local needs of the migrants. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is making a one time ex-gratia payment @Rs 1,500 per family for the purchase of items of daily requirement like utensils, etc. and a monthly cash assistance of Rs. 750 per month per family. The State Government has been advised to make payment of relief regularly.

Sealing of Nepal Border

2340. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir militants had been using Nepal to visit their contacts in Pakistan as travel to Nepal from India was much easier for making onward air journey to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh Government had been asked to seal off Nepal Borders; and

(d) if so, whether Uttar Pradesh Government have taken any steps to seal the Nepal border ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have reports that Pak ISI has been helping Kashmiri militants in using Nepal for infiltration/exfiltration, visit and reinforce their contacts in Pakistan.

(b) to (d) We have sensitised the Government of Nepal on this issue. Police stations, outposts and immigration checkposts on Indo-Nepal border have been alerted. Border security and policing have also been tightened all along the border. An anti-terrorists checkpost has also been estabilshed by the Government of India near Sonauli in the Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh.

Enhancement of Destitute Grant

2341. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2888 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the proposal received by the Ministry from the Delhi Administration for enhancing the destitute grant from Rs 150 to Rs. 300 has been accepted;

(b) if so, by when it is going to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

विदेशी राष्ट्रिकों का प्रत्यावर्तन

2342. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत माहों में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा 100-100 विदेशी नागरिकों के बैच सरकार को सौंपे गये है ताकि उन्हें उनके देशों में भेजने की व्यवस्था की जा सके,

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या है ; और यदि हां, तो ये विदेशी नागरिक किन-किन देशों के है; और

(ग) सरकार ने विदेशियों को उनके स्वदेश भेजने के संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Operation of Nefarious Gang in Central Secretariat Bus Stop

2343. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a nefarious gang is operating in the Central Secretariat near bus stand No. 530 who are cheating large number of innocent commuters daily with the connivance of police personnel on partolling duty in the area;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are selling iron rings at exorbitant charges to the commuters to lure them to solve their routine promblems and are earning huge money; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the preventive measures taken by Government to save the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Delhi Police have reported that no such gang has come to their notice.

(b) Vendors of iron rings, tantric equipments, stimulating medicines etc. often come to crowded places like the Central Secretariat bus stand. They are removed by the patrolling staff as soon as they are noticed. No specific complaints of cheating has been received in this regard.

(c) The Division and Beat patrolling staff have been briefed and alerted to remove such persons and to take appropriate legal action against all such persons found vending such articles in the area.

Pending Applications for Freedom Fighters Pension

2344. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of applications pertaing to Freedom Fighters Pension duly recommended by respective State/Territory Governments are pending with Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of such applications State and Union Territory-wise as on 30th November, 1994;

(c) whether large number of such applications are in complete order in terms of existing instructions;

(d) if so, the number of such applications State and Territory-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to grant pension in cases as in (c);

(f) whether Government also propose to take some measures that such applications are dealt with within some time limit in future; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (g) The recommendations of the State Governments in the matter of grant of freedom fighters pension are advisory in nature. These recommendations are examined and pension is sanctioned in all such cases in which the documentary evidence furnished by the applicants in support of their claimed sufferings is found acceptable to the satisfaction of the Central Government. All timely claims for grant of pension have been considered at least once and appropriate decisions already communicated to the applicants. So far freedom fighters pension has been sanctioned in 1,61,973 cases. Aggrieved with the decision of the Government regarding rejection of claims, the applicants keep on sending review petitions/representations. If the applicants furnish some additional acceptable documentary evidence alongwith such review petitions, such cases are reconsidered and pension sanctioned. As on 30-11-1994, only 17 fresh claims received recently were pending. A statement indicating State-wise number of pending claims as on 30-11-1994 is attached (*See* below). While every possible effort is made to communicate the decision to the applicants on their claims in the shortest